

REMARKS

Claims 48-61 are now pending in the application as claims 1-47 have been canceled without disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The subject matter of claims 48-51 and 55-61 has been previously examined (in previously-numbered claims 4, 2, 42, 45, 44, 7, 26, 32, 33, 34 and 40, as shown in the table below) and has been found allowable. Claims 52 to 54 have not been previously examined. Support for these claims can at least be found at paragraphs 102 – 104 of the application.

The claims have been consolidated to list dependent claims directly below the independent claim they depend from. A concordance table identifying the old claim nos. and the new claim nos. follows.

Old Claim No. 4	New Claim No. 48		Old Claim No. 26	New Claim No. 57
Old Claim No. 2	New Claim No. 49		Old Claim No. 32	New Claim No. 58
Old Claim No. 42	New Claim No. 50		Old Claim No. 33	New Claim No. 59.
Old Claim No. 45	New Claim No. 51		Old Claim No. 34	New Claim No. 60
Old Claim No. 44	New Claim No. 55		Old Claim No. 40	New Claim No. 61
Old Claim No. 7	New Claim No. 56			

The Office action allowed claims 7, 26, 32-34 and found that claims 5 and 44 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. The new claim set pulls the language from claim 5 into claim 4 and has renumbered this as new claim 48. The new claim set has rewritten claim 44 into independent format. Consequently, the undersigned submits that new claims 48-51 and 55-61 are in condition for allowance as the Office action found the subject matter of each independent claim (nos. 48, 55, 56, 57and 61) patentable over the cited references. The undersigned also submits that claims 52-54, which have not been previously examined, are also in condition for allowance at least based on their dependency from claim 48.

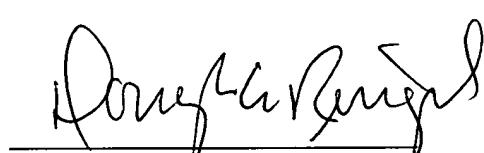
Reconsideration and allowance is requested as to each of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be incurred in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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